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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Renewal of Approved Information Collection; OMB Control No. 1004-0132

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites public comments on, and plans to request approval to continue, the collection of information from those who wish to participate in the exploration, development, production, and utilization of geothermal resources on BLM-managed public lands, and on lands managed by other Federal agencies. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has assigned control number 1004-0132 to this information collection.

DATES: Please submit comments on the proposed information collection by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or electronic mail.

Mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, NW, Room 2134LM, Attention: Jean Sonneman, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Fax: to Jean Sonneman at 202-245-0050.

Electronic mail: Jean_Sonneman@blm.gov.

Please indicate "Attn: 1004-0132" regardless of the form of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Kalish at 202-912-7312.

Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, to leave a message for Mr. Kalish.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521, require that interested members of the public and affected agencies be given an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8 (d) and 1320.12(a)). This notice identifies an information collection that the BLM plans to submit to OMB for approval. The Paperwork Reduction Act provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

The BLM will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. Comments are invited on: (1) the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany our submission of the information collection requests to OMB.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment — including your personal identifying information — may be made publicly available at

any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The following information pertains to this request:

Title: Geothermal Resource Leases and Unit Agreements (43 CFR Parts 3200 and 3280).

OMB Control Number: 1004-0132.

Summary: The BLM collects the information in order to decide whether or not to approve geothermal resource leases and unit agreements, process nominations for geothermal lease sales, and monitor compliance with granted approvals.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion, except for the Monthly Report of Geothermal Operations (Form 3260-5), which is required monthly.

Forms:

- Form 3200-9, Notice of Intent to Conduct Geothermal Resource Exploration Operations;
- Form 3203-1, Nomination of Lands for Competitive Geothermal Leasing;
- Form 3260-2, Geothermal Drilling Permit;
- Form 3260-3, Geothermal Sundry Notice; and
- Form 3260-4; Geothermal Well Completion Report; and
- Form 3260-5; Monthly Report of Geothermal Operations.

Description of Respondents: Those who wish to participate in the exploration, development, production, and utilization of geothermal resources on BLM-managed by other Federal agencies.

Estimated Annual Responses: 908.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 5,404.

Estimated Annual Non-Hour Costs: \$77,110.

The estimated burdens are itemized in the following table:

A. Type of Response	B. Number of Responses	C. Hours per Response	D. Total Hours (Column B x Column C)
Lessee Qualifications 43 CFR subpart 3202	75	1	75
Nomination of Lands for Competitive Leasing 43 CFR subpart 3203 Form 3203-1	80	1	80
Noncompetitive Leasing Other than Direct Use Leases 43 CFR subpart 3204	50	4	200
Direct Use Leasing 43 CFR subpart 3205	10	10	100
Lease Issuance 43 CFR subpart 3206	155	1	155
Lease Terms and Extensions 43 CFR subpart 3207	50	1	50
Lease Consolidation 43 CFR subpart 3210	50	1	50
Lease Suspensions and Royalty Rate Reductions 43 CFR subpart 3212	10	40	400
Lease Relinquishment, Termination, and Cancellation 43 CFR subpart 3213	10	40	400
Lease Reinstatement 43 CFR subpart 3213	5	1	5
Cooperative Agreement 43 CFR subpart 3217	10	40	400
Notice of Intent to Conduct Geothermal Exploration Activities 43 CFR subpart 3251 Form 3200-9	12	8	96
Geothermal Sundry Notice 43 CFR subpart 3252 Form 3260-3	100	8	800
Reports: Exploration Operations 43 CFR subpart 3253	12	8	96

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Exploration Operations Relief and Appeals 43 CFR subpart 3256	10	8	80
Geothermal Drilling Permit 43 CFR subpart 3261 Form 3260-2	60	8	480
Geothermal Well Completion Report 43 CFR subpart 3264 Form 3260-4	12	10	120
Utilization Plans and Facility Construction Permits 43 CFR subpart 3272	10	10	100
Site License Application 43 CFR subpart 3273	10	10	100
Relinquishment, Assignment, or Transfer of a Site License 43 CFR subpart 3273	22	1	22
Commercial Use Permit 43 CFR subpart 3274	10	10	100
Monthly Report of Geothermal Operations 43 CFR subpart 3276 Form 3260-5	120	10	1200
Unit Agreement 43 CFR subpart 3281	10	10	100
Participating Area 43 CFR subpart 3282	10	10	100
Unit Agreement Modifications 43 CFR subpart 3283	10	10	100
Totals	913		5,409

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